Decrease in procurement price of sugarcane

†2298. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the ban on export of sugar in the country, the procurement price of sugarcane for farmers have come down from Rs. 150/- per quintal to Rs. 110/- per quintal;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the current sugar season, the farmers are going to suffer huge loss on account of crushing of sugarcane for 280 million tonnes of sugar production; and

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to make any provision for compensation of said loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Government does not fix the procurement price of sugarcane. However, it fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane under Clause 3(1) of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, which is calculated to ensure a remunerative price to the farmers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Guidelines for protection of consumer rights

2299. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated guidelines to protect consumer rights; if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the details of machinery to enforce such guidelines;

(c) whether the guidelines are being enforced effectively;

(d) whether Government have taken cognizance of a recent findings by an NGO that 40 per cent of petroleum products are adulterated;

(e) whether Government agree with the findings; and

(f) whether Government have fixed the responsibility of enforcing machinery for the violations of consumer rights and adulteration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) In terms of Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, 8A & 8B of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, Consumer Protection Councils have been notified at the Central level (Central Consumer Protection Council), State level (State Consumer Protection Councils) and at the District level (District Consumer Protection Councils) to promote and protect the consumer rights.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Department of Consumer Affairs is not aware of recent findings of an NGO on 40% of petroleum products being adulterated.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Transportation rate of FCI

2300. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transportation rates of FCI from Jammu to Srinagar for the year 2005-06 are lower than the rates of the years 2001 to 2003, whereas the prices of the diesel has doubly increased in the year 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is in the knowledge of Government and the details of action taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government intend to conduct an inquiry into this disturbing mystery?